

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Shimoji, et al.  
App. No : 10/564,874  
Filed : January 17, 2006  
For : SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR  
AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE  
Examiner : Orkin, Alexander J.  
Art Unit : 4138

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 1 reference to be considered by the Examiner. The reference is provided herewith.

In the Office Action issued by the Office on September 18, 2008, Examiner Orkin indicated that a copy of JP 08-033641 had not been submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement as filed on April 7, 2006, and thus not considered. Although an English abstract of the reference was provided with the Statement submission, it was shown on the SB/08 Equivalent as JP 3040930 (the issued patent number), rather than the publication number (08-033641) which was on the abstract. For Examiner Orkin's convenience, we are resubmitting the entire reference and the English abstract.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
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